

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of	)	Examiner: Luks, J.A.
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Shoichi Nakamura	)	Group Art Unit: 2832
	)	
Title: Stethoscope Head	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 1434
Serial No.: 10/578,764	)	
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Middletown, Connecticut, December 15, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the non-Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2009 in the captioned application, for which a shortened statutory period for response extends to December 21, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.